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forming first granules comprising a solid pharmaceutically acceptable volatilizable agent and a pharmaceutically active ingredient by a granulation method selected from a wet granulation method and a dry granulation method; and

volatizing said volatilizable agent from the first granules to form pharmaceutical granules.

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38. (Once Amended) A method for preparing a compressed device comprising:

forming first granules comprising a solid volatilizable agent and an active ingredient;

volatizing the solid volatilizable agent from the first granules to form second granules; followed by

compressing the second granules to form a compressed device.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are currently in the application. The claims stand rejected under §112 and §103(a), for reasons indicated in the Office Action.

The above amendments have been made to obviate a rejection and/or further distinguish over the art of record, as further explained below. Sheets captioned "VERSION MARKED UP TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" are attached hereto to show the exact nature of the emendations.

The phrase "having enhanced compressive properties has been removed from claim 33.

Claims 1 and 38 have been amended to make it clear that Applicants' compressive step occurs after the solid volatilizable agent from the first granules has been volatized to form a second granule. Support derives, for example, from page 9, line 25 and page 8, lines 17-19.

Claims 33-37 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite, the Examiner having particularly singled out the use of the terminology "enhanced compressive properties" in claim 33. Applicant does not agree with the rejection on the basis that the language singled out by the Examiner is clearly defined and explained in the application, for example at page 4, lines 26-29. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution the language singled out by the Examiner has